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### **REMARKS**

#### **Present Status of the Application**

Claims 1-15 remain pending of which claims 1 and 6 have been amended to improve clarity. Additionally, claims 11-15 are newly added and it is believed that no new matter is added by way of amendment to claims or otherwise to the application.

In the Office Action, claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Park et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,771,328).

#### **Discussion of Office Action Rejections**

1. The Office Action rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Park et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,771,328), Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections for at least the reasons set forth below.

Independent claim 1 recites the features as follows:

1. An active-matrix organic electroluminescent (OEL) display panel, comprising:  
a substrate;  
a transparent conductive layer on the substrate;  
a first passivation layer on the transparent conductive layer, having a plurality of openings therein exposing portions of the transparent conductive layer, wherein each opening defines a pixel region;  
a plurality of thin film transistors arranged as a matrix, wherein the thin film transistors are disposed on the first passivation layer;  
a plurality of organic function layers disposed on the transparent conductive layer in the openings; and  
a plurality of metal electrode layers disposed on the organic function layers and electrically connected to the corresponding thin film transistors.

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(emphasis added).

Claims 2-5 also recite the similar features.

In re U.S. Patent No. 6,771,328, Park et al. fail to disclose that "the thin film transistors are disposed on the first passivation layer". In addition, Park et al. fail to disclose that "a plurality of metal electrode layers are disposed on the organic function layers and electrically connected to the corresponding thin film transistors". Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-5 should be withdrawn.

Independent claim 6 recites the features as follows:

6. An active-matrix organic electroluminescent (OEL) display panel, comprising:  
a substrate;  
a metal layer on the substrate, having a plurality of opening therein exposing portions of the substrate;  
a first passivation layer on the metal layer, having a plurality of openings therein aligned with the openings in the metal layer;  
a plurality of thin film transistors arranged as a matrix, wherein the thin film transistors are disposed on the first passivation layer;  
a plurality of transparent conductive layers disposed on the substrate in the openings;  
a plurality of organic function layers disposed on the transparent conductive layers in the openings; and  
a plurality of metal electrode layers disposed on the organic function layers and electrically connected to the corresponding thin film transistors.

(emphasis added).

Claims 7-10 also recite the similar features.

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2. In re claims 11-15 of the present invention, the features recited in claims 11-15, such as "the thin film transistors are disposed on the first passivation layer" and "a plurality of electrode layers are disposed on the organic function layers and electrically connected to the corresponding thin film transistors", are not disclosed by Park et al. also. Therefore, claims 11-15 are in proper condition for allowance.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-15 are in proper condition for allowance. Consideration is respectfully requested.

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**CONCLUSION**

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all pending claims 1-15 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

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